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BRIDGE BILL KNOCKED OUT.

Objection Raised to Its Consideration in the Senate.

THE OPPOSITION OF ALLISON.

Friends of the Measure Seeking a Way of Getting It to a Vote.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The St. Louis bridge bill was knocked out at last night's session of the Senate, on an objection to its consideration raised simultaneously by Mr. Allison of Iowa and Mr. McLaughlin of Mississippi, acting for his colleague, Mr. George, who was absent.

The bill was called up by Senator Palmer, but the clerk had barely finished reading the title when the Iowa Senator entered his objection. A ripple of laughter swept over the chamber, when Mr. Palmer remarked: "Inasmuch as the Senators from Missouri and the Senators from Illinois favor the bill, I should really like to know what the Senator from Mississippi and the Senator from Iowa have to do with it."

Mr. Allison was rather flushed in the face as he answered: "I will respond to my good friend from Illinois by saying that when the bill is under consideration I shall state my objection to it." And the episode ended.

The action of Allison is a surprise to the friends of the bill, but they still hope to have it put to a vote, and are consulting today with the managers of the Senate for a parliamentary opinion. The East St. Louis contingent is concentrating its interest for the present on the public building bill, which they hope to see passed by the House this afternoon.

IN A CARTRIDGE.

Ben Westhus' Experience While Hunting Down in Arkansas.

Chief Harrison and Desmond have for the past few weeks been trying to solve one of the most peculiar cases ever brought to their notice and have about given up in despair.

The matter was brought to their attention by Mr. Ben Westhus, a carpet merchant at 201 South Broadway. Mr. Westhus is a prominent and enthusiastic sportsman and has frequently visited the Arkansas game fields. The last time he was down there was a year ago. On this occasion he carried with him a number of shells, which he claims were given to him by Julius Seminsky, a Jew of 371 Grand street, and a man who is also found of field sports.

While Mr. Westhus was out hunting near Corning, Ark., he used or tried to use one of Mr. Seminsky's shells at a good shot, but it would not discharge, and he missed the game thereby. He hurriedly extracted the shell and angrily tossed it away from him, and returned to the car. When he returned to the car he found that the shell he had tossed away had been turned over to the lad all the shells Seminsky had given him and used his own.

After the hunt was over Mr. Westhus returned to his home and last month was surprised to receive a letter from Bud Cummings. When he read it his surprise was doubly increased. The lad called his attention to the shell that would not discharge when he was on his last hunt, and informed Mr. Westhus that he had opened it and found concealed a diamond earring valued at \$300. Immediately Mr. Westhus referred the matter to the police and they found the diamond belonged to him and that he should have them at once. Mr. Seminsky, the Jew, and a great deal of the matter, it is said, is that the earring belonged to his wife. Why he had put them in the shell was not known.

At any rate, a messenger was sent to Corning by the Police Department to get the earring, but it was not found. Mr. Westhus, however, refused to turn them over unless they were identified, and a reward paid for their recovery by the owner.

CHIEF DESMOND'S THEORY. No positive owner could be found to satisfy the police. Chief Desmond was of the opinion and is yet that the earring was part of a robbery which was committed at the old Union Trust building, 1130 N. Wabash, in which a sample trunk belonging to A. Peabody & Co., wholesale jewelers of New York, and containing a large quantity of diamonds and jewels, was carried off. Several of the guilty parties in this job were afterward arrested and a great deal of the property was found in the neighborhood of Gratiot and Tenth streets, and in the vicinity of Mr. Seminsky's present address.

On this occasion the Jew gave diamonds valued at several hundred dollars apiece away for cans of beer, packages of cigarettes and plugs of tobacco. They did know what they had.

As the case stands now the investigation has been dropped, as the Jew's Association has not taken up the matter, although their agents, the Pinkertons, have been notified.

HOPKIN'S NEW THEATER.

Soon to Be Erected on the Site of Old Pope's.

The stockholders of the Central Realty Co. of Chicago held a meeting in this city yesterday relative to the construction of a mammoth new building on the site of the present Pope's Theater. This is the corporation which has a ninety-nine year lease on the property and an option for the purchase. There were present at the meeting President Henry Rader and Vice-President Jonathan Clark, both of Chicago, and also representatives of all the stockholders. Nothing definite was done. Three sets of plans were submitted and the premises thoroughly gone over, after which an adjournment for two weeks was taken.

Mr. Clark left for Chicago last night. Mr. Rader is still in town. He states that what will be done and just quickly, but that is not definitely known yet and not care to discuss any plans.

doubt, however, that the new contains a theater, the management will be in the hands of Cook, Collins, now the managers of

AFTER \$75,000,000.

Syndicate of Ex-Slaves to Struggle for an Estate.

Special to The Post-Dispatch. CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 27.—A syndicate with a capital stock of \$10,000,000 has been formed, with headquarters in this city, by five ex-slaves, to fight for possession of nearly \$75,000,000 real estate, which, it is claimed, Samuel Gist, who died in England in 1815, left to his slaves in this country. When Sansberry Cluff, the head of the syndicate, started the work, it was regarded as a huge joke, but now they claim to have expended over \$1,000 in securing data, deeds and abstracts, and to have got very valuable proof in support of their claims. The shares of the syndicate are sold for 1 per cent of their face value, so that if the entire \$10,000,000 is subscribed it will only represent \$100,000 in cash.

It is claimed that by his will Gist emancipated all the slaves he held in this country, and devised them all his land and implements, leaving the estate in trust. He left instructions that the trustees should take upon themselves the management of the estate, and after deducting the necessary expenses, divide the surplus rents and profits among the slaves who shall continue to be residents of his plantations in North America.

The Legislature of Virginia passed a law on Feb. 25, 1816, which empowered the Superior Court of Chancery to appoint trustees to carry out the last will and testament of Samuel Gist. In pursuance of this the trustees are said to have disposed of large tracts of land in Virginia and invested the proceeds in the purchase of land in Ohio.

The records of the Supreme Court of Virginia, in Richmond, in which all inventories and accounts of the trustees were filed, having been destroyed by fire during the war, and the trustees of the will having died, it is impossible to give any definite description of the lands.

The following lands located in the State of Ohio are said to have been purchased by the trustees: 1,000,000 acres located in Township No. 1, Brown County; 200 acres in Penn Township, Highland County; 60 acres, being part of entry No. 204, original quantity 1,000 acres in Adams County, purchased by John Jamison on Dec. 21, 1816; 640 acres in Erie County, near Sandusky. Much of the real estate of Samuel Gist is supposed to be in Henrico, Hanover, Gloucester and other counties of Virginia, including portions of the Diamond Swamp.

CRAWFORD DISAPPEARS.

A Prominent Sedalia Man Who Left Home Two Weeks Ago.

Special to The Post-Dispatch. SEDALIA, Mo., Feb. 27.—W. A. Crawford, prominent for years in this city as a dry goods merchant, has disappeared and cannot be found. Two weeks ago he placed his stock of goods in the hands of a trustee. The liabilities amounted to \$25,000, while the stock was valued at \$10,000. Crawford disappeared. His wife is still here, but in reply to questions has failed to give satisfactory information as to his whereabouts. The most prominent creditor is the John V. Farwell Co., wholesale dry goods, of Chicago.

CLEARING HOUSE ORDER.

Wholesale Grocers Condemn It and Appoint a Committee.

At the meeting of the Wholesale Grocers' Association, held at its headquarters Tuesday afternoon, the new Clearing-house order was thoroughly discussed. The same of the meeting was that the order would work a great hardship on St. Louis wholesale grocers, as their competitors in the surrounding cities were able to accept personal checks at par, while St. Louis grocers will not. The banks were the subject of much criticism for permitting the clearing-house order to be passed. The order was passed by a vote of 10 to 5. The Merchants' Transportation Association, comprising all lines of business, took practically the same action, and E. C. Simmons was made chairman of the committee.

RE-ORGANIZATION PLAN.

Proposed Method of Re-Establishing the Whisky Trust.

Special to The Post-Dispatch. NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The plan of re-organization of the Distilling and Cattle Feeding Company will not be made public until the last of this week, so those having an interest in the matter should be on hand. The plan is known. It provides for an assessment of \$4 a share on the stock, for which will be a first mortgage bond of \$1,400,000 of bonds is provided for this cash assessment, and the stockholders will receive 50 per cent in new common and 50 per cent in new preferred. This will make an issue of \$2,000,000 of new common stock and \$2,000,000 of preferred. The Protective Committee, it is said, will be allowed to buy back the \$1,000,000 of old bonds at the price they were sold for—\$600,000.

THE WEATHER.

Rain, Ending This Afternoon or Evening Fair on Thursday.

Weather forecast for St. Louis and vicinity: Rain, ending Wednesday afternoon or evening; fair Thursday; little change in temperature Wednesday night and Thursday.

For Missouri—Local rain to-night; slightly cooler in west portion to-night; Thursday local rain and cooler.

For Illinois—Rain to-night; Thursday local rain, stationary temperature.

Light rains have been general in the Upper and Central Mississippi Valley, the Mississippi Valley from South Dakota southward, in Texas and Michigan.

It is warmer in the Central Valley, slightly cooler from the Alleghenies eastward and in the Rocky Mountain region.

WEDNESDAY EVENING—ST. LOUIS—FEBRUARY 27, 1895.

SHE WILL BE COUNTESS DE CASTELLANE.



MISS ANNA GOULD.

HIS NAME IS UNTARNISHED.

No Scandals, Connected With the Count De Castellane.

EXTRAORDINARY NOBLEMAN.

Some Recent Gossip From New York Bearing on the Vanderbilt and Drayton Divorce Cases.

VANDERBILT DIVORCE.

It Is Thought the Testimony Was Taken With Closed Doors.

Special to The Post-Dispatch. NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—That the divorce of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt is now well under way is generally conceded by those who are friends of both, should be supposed to know. The impression with this is that the testimony has already been given to a referee with closed doors. His friends say that Wm. K. Vanderbilt will let the case go by default.

When Mrs. Wm. K. Vanderbilt sails for Europe to-day she may be a free woman, as far as a matrimonial yoke is concerned. That is, if her divorce is not actually granted it will be on the eve of it. It taken but a short period to secure a divorce in New York on statutory grounds when no defense is made. It is not considered likely that Mrs. Wm. K. Vanderbilt will resume her maiden name of Smith.

SHE CHANGED HER MIND.

Why Mrs. Drayton Will Answer Her Husband's Suit.

Special to The Post-Dispatch. NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—It was stated yesterday by one close to the Drayton and Astor families that Mrs. Drayton had intended to let her husband's suit go by default until she learned lately of the death of Frank Packer, who was Mr. Drayton's head coachman for several years prior to 1891. Packer and his wife went to Bernardsville with the Draytons, and Packer drove Mrs. Drayton and Miss Astor to the Borrows about the country there. A footman invariably accompanied them. One day when Borrows was leaving the house Packer seized a coaching horn and blew five long blasts on it. Borrows, who had been going away unnoticed, grew furious and

threatened to horsewhip the coachman. Mrs. Drayton also upbraided Packer. Packer then decided to leave Mr. Drayton's service, and told his master his reasons for going. Under instructions from Mr. Drayton, Packer and his wife went to this city and lived in the rooms over Mr. Drayton's office on Twenty-ninth street. Soon after Packer became coachman for Mr. Bradley-Martin. He remained in his employment until two years ago, when he went with Sherman Martin to Port Chester and took charge of his stock farm there. Just a year ago Packer went driving with his wife. Their vehicle was upset and the horse killed. Mrs. Drayton did not hear of his death until lately, according to the story told by the coachman, when she did hear of it she changed her mind about her husband's suit for divorce.

THEY SAIL FOR EUROPE.

Prominent Passengers on Transatlantic Liners.

Special to The Post-Dispatch. NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The three big transatlantic steamers which sail from this port to Europe to-day will carry a number of prominent persons among their saloon passengers. George W. Vanderbilt goes on the Mauretania, and it is said that Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt and their two children are also on board. The Vanderbilt family had engaged passage on the Hamburg-American steamer, Kaiser Wilhelm I., but they also failed to go on that steamer.

John Jacob Astor had secured passage for this voyage of the Mauretania, but he has decided not to leave for the other side at present, owing to the approaching marriage of Miss Anna Gould.

Very Rev. E. R. Hole, Dean of Rochester, England; Mrs. Hole and Maj.-Gen. Ivor Herbert of the British army are also on the cabin list.

Congressman W. Bourke Cockran, whose wife was buried on Saturday, leaves here for Europe to-day on the Paris of the American line. Gen. Wm. Booth of the Salvation Army and his staff, Mr. Rev. W. W. Farrin, Lord Bishop of British Columbia, Cesar Thompson, the violinist, and Henry W. Gilbert, United States Consul at Lyons, France, are other passengers of the Paris.

MAGNATES IN SESSION.

National League Called to Order in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The annual meeting of the various baseball clubs making up the National League went into session at the Fifth Avenue Hotel to-day. There at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, Soden and Conant were present. Chris Von der Ahe of St. Louis, Dr. Stuckey of Louisville, John T. Brush of Cincinnati, Andrew Freedman of New York, Charles Byrne of Brooklyn, James A. Hart of Chicago, W. W. Kerr of Pittsburgh, H. A. von der Horst of Baltimore, John J. Rogers of Philadelphia and the Westerners of Washington, are other passengers of the Paris.

THE MISSING CYCLIST.

Advices Received From Persia Concerning Frank Lens.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Mary Lens, mother of Frank G. Lens, the Pittsburgh wheelman who has now been missing for nine months, has received a letter from Tabriz, Persia. It is written by Gen. Waldo Wagner of the Persian army, who writes at the request of the Crown Prince of Persia, was sent with the letter. It shows the picture of the missing boy, in the gardens of the Royal Palace at Tabriz, giving his famous exhibition before the nobility. The picture is the one made for and presented to the Crown Prince by Frank. His royal highness offers his sympathy to Mrs. Lens and all Pittsburgh friends of the missing boy, and through Gen. Wagner expresses hope that he may yet be found alive.

Mrs. Lens has received a letter from "Ottawa" in which they say they have completed arrangements with Sachtleben, the St. Louis wheelman, to go into Persia in search of the missing boy. He will start early in March. Sachtleben went around through the region in which Lens has been lost, and he is perfectly familiar with the country.

Mr. Sachtleben was seen this morning and stated that he expected to be failed upon his journey any moment. He will go alone. The arrangements, he says, were perfected in January, but he has postponed his trip on account of the weather.

Mr. Sachtleben will go to Constantinople by steamer and sail and wheel from that place to Persia.

MRS. WICKES HAS WON.

She Gets Her Divorce, Together With Ample Alimony.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 27.—The Wickes divorce case is ended. Mrs. Laura H. Wickes having been granted a divorce from Thomas H. Wickes. Under the terms of the divorce Mrs. Wickes is to receive a deed to the house at 266 Grand boulevard, which is on a lot 43 by 124 feet deep. The defendant is also to execute to his wife and three children, Mrs. Laura Ann Wickes, Mrs. E. E. Wickes, Mrs. Florence L. Ford and Thomas H. Wickes, Jr., a deed conveying a life estate of the property at 266 Grand boulevard. This is also subject to the payment of a mortgage of \$7,500 on this property by the defendant. Mrs. Wickes also takes over the following policies of insurance and certificates to her: Equitable Life Insurance Society, a paid-up policy in the Manhattan Life Insurance Co. for \$2,000; a certificate for \$3,000 in the Royal Arcanum; Legion of Honor certificate, \$2,000; Bankers and Merchants Life Insurance certificate, \$2,000; and in addition to this, Mr. Wickes is to keep his life insured for \$15,000 to provide for the payment of the mortgage on the property turned over to his wife in case of his death.

BEN HUGHES CAPTURED.

He Led the Gang Which Robbed the Texas and Pacific.

Special to The Post-Dispatch. SPOKANE, WASH., Feb. 27.—Sam M. Farmer, deputy United States Marshal, and a posse of officers intercepted the Ben Hughes gang of desperadoes and robbers near the town of Cheotchah, I. T., this morning, and a running fight ensued. Ben Hughes was seen among one of the band, and was captured. Jim Noked Head, an Indian guide for the marshal's posse, was shot and killed.

Ben Hughes was the leader of the gang which robbed the Texas and Pacific train near Gordon in October, for whom there is a large reward. Farmer and his posse have been on the trail of the robber's gang since that time. Hughes was captured during the campaign as mapped out by Col. R. D. Bishop of British Columbia. Caesar Company, whose safe was robbed on that occasion, the coal company is entitled to credit for the capture of the leader of the gang to-day.

SUCCESSFUL SAFE ROBBERY.

Butcher Shop Safe Opened and \$50 Taken.

The butcher shop of John G. Palmer, 3444 Lindell avenue, was burglarized Tuesday night and the safe rifled of \$50. The robbery was not discovered until Mr. Palmer opened his shop this morning at 6 o'clock. The safe was not forced, but unlocked. Mr. Palmer was not accustomed to lock the safe, but always turned the combination back so it could not be opened without turning the dial to the opening number. This he forgot, and it is thought they were acquainted with the combination. The safe was opened through a rear door, the door being unlocked. The door was broken and the prop removed. The police are searching for a person suspected of the crime.

SHOT HIS WIFE'S SISTER.

Robert Craig's Bad Judgment in Shooting at Burglars.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Robert Craig was awakened early this morning by strange noises in the house and screamed at the top of her voice, telling her husband there were burglars in the house. Mr. Craig caught sight of a human figure in the hallway and fired. The person proved to be Mrs. Craig's sister, and she is dangerously wounded, the ball from the revolver striking her in the side. She has been awakened by her sister's screams and was going to her room.

There were burglars in the house, but they escaped during the excitement. The young lady will probably recover.

LA LIBERTAD SAFE.

Out of Coal and in Bad Shape On the Jetty Channel.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 27.—The steamship man-of-war La Libertad, which was captured by the pirates of the Gulf, was captured on the Gulf, is now anchored on the Jetty channel, out of coal and in bad shape. The ship was captured by the pirates of the Gulf, and is now anchored on the Jetty channel, out of coal and in bad shape.

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CHILDREN TRAMPLED DOWN.

Four Girls Knocked Down in the Frantic Rush and Thre Seriously Injured.

In the panic following the outbreak of fire in the West Side factory district of Chicago many lives were imperiled and four girls almost trampled to death. Three may die. The Kaestner building, Crane Elevator Works and five residences were destroyed. Loss, \$600,000.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—A disastrous fire, started about 9 o'clock in the heart of the West Side factory district, this morning, began in the five-story brick Kaestner Building at 245 South Jefferson street. In the building were the Kaestner Knitting Works, the Pioneer Paper Co. and the Bach & Hart Feather Co. The building was crowded with men and women employed, and the rapid spread of the flames resulted in a panic, in which heavy loss of life was narrowly averted. About 100 women and girls, in addition to a large number of men and boys, were at work, and in the panic many were knocked down and badly bruised.

The burning building stood in the very center of the factory district, flanked on either side by big manufacturing, and the streams of the firemen were directed to fighting the spread of the flames, the Kaestner Building being beyond help.

Despite the efforts of the firemen, the flames spread to the south portion of the Crane elevator works, which adjoin the Kaestner building on the north. A brick wind fanned the fire, and the loss to the elevator company was heavy. Five dwellings, which were clustered in the vicinity, were totally destroyed, and the flying embers started numerous small fires in buildings several blocks away.

A panic occurred in the Lancaster caramel factory, on Harrison street, several blocks from the fire. Two hundred twenty children were at work in the factory, and when the flames from the Kaestner building were seen some one sounded an alarm. A wild rush for the exit followed, the children becoming crazed with terror. They rushed down the stairway, trampling under foot those who had fallen, and several boys jumped from second story windows. Help was summoned and eleven children were rescued unconscious by the ambulances.

The most seriously injured of the candy factory employees were: Emma Kuske, Etta Gildman, Agnes McIntyre, Jessie Paule. They were all knocked down and trampled upon. It is feared by the physicians that with the exception of Emma Kuske, the girls are fatally hurt. The fire was pronounced under control at 11:30 p. m. The fire was caused by the Kaestner Building Works. The total loss will probably not exceed \$600,000, well covered by insurance. At 3 p. m. all danger of spreading for this was over.

A MILLION IN ASHES.

Devastating Blaze and Firemen Injured at Halifax.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Feb. 27.—Property to the value of \$1,000,000 was destroyed by fire to-day in the vicinity of Deepwater Terminal. All the immigration sheds, wharves, offices and other buildings were burned. Several firemen were injured. A heavy wind is blowing and the fire is spreading. Dartmouth has sent its fire brigade to assist the city department.

FIGHT ON SALVATIONISTS.

Trouble With Union Labor Over the War Cry.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 27.—The fight on the War Cry by the Typographical Union will probably result in an organized fight against the Salvation Army by the trades unions. Steps are being taken by the union to accomplish the result and copies of their manifesto, calling on all members of unions to refrain from having anything to do with the Salvation Army have been sent all over the coast. The War Cry office of New York and London are both under union rules. The printers are confident of winning in the end because Gen. Booth is known to be in favor of labor organizations. The two soldier type-setters who discharged the two soldiers type-setters because they asked Gen. Booth to order the War Cry office unlicensed. On the other hand, Staff Captain Milasse is quoted as declaring he is the man who has sole control of the local office and that by going to Gen. Booth and asking him to give them a license they are guilty of conspiracy against him (Milasse).

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